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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/2/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Page 11, paragraph beginning with "However":

The applicant argues that the combination of Kaars and Croy would not result in a single device from which the transcode subsystem detects a communication and that requires a data format that is not supported by the transport subsystem. Kaars discloses a system with a transcode subsystem (figure 1, part 100; paragraph 21) that can take an input from a user using a user interface (paragraph 22) to identify the type of device that the data needs to be transcoded for (paragraph 28; figure 1, part 150). In the system disclosed by Kaars, the user interface is operated using a remote controller that communicates directly with the transcode subunit (paragraph 22, lines 14-21). This does not meet the limitation of detecting a communication from the secondary device as the secondary device does not communicate directly with the transcode subunit. Croy teaches a device with either a one-way or bi-directional communication with a set top box (column 4, lines 10-37). It is the opinion of the examiner that one could add the bi-directional communication to the secondary device disclosed by Kaars (figure 1, parts 132, 134 and 142) to communicate with that transcode subunit. This is viewed as a valid combination as the secondary devices disclosed by Kaars could be a personal computer, which inherently includes bi-directional communications over a network wire (figure 1, parts 130 and 140) of which a bi-directional network wire is included in the possible connections taught by Croy (column 4, lines 10-37).

The remaining arguments are considered repeats of arguments presented in the last office action and therefore are considered responded to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin E. Shepard whose telephone number is (571) 272-5967. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

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